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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SHUKO OKUI ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: PYRAZOLE DERIVATIVE,  
PRODUCTION PROCESS  
THEREOF, AND PEST CONTROL  
AGENT CONTAINING THE  
SAME AS ACTIVE  
INGREDIENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 16, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 with the following:

9 In the reaction,  $R_1S(O)_nX^1$  is used in an amount of 0.5 to 10.0 molar equivalents, preferably 0.8 to 5 molar equivalents to the compound represented by the general formula (2) (wherein  $R^5$  is hydrogen atom) and the reaction is carried out at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $150^\circ\text{C}$ , preferably  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $100^\circ\text{C}$ . The solvent for use in the reaction includes aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, or xylene; ketones such as acetone or methyl ethyl ketone; halogenated